

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 1, after the title, insert this paragraph:

**Cross-Referenced Application**

This application claims the benefit of the foreign priority filing date of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-098136, filed April 3, 2003, the complete disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Page 6, amend the paragraph at lines 2-7 to read as follows:

While preferred embodiments of the invention have been described and illustrated herein, it should be understood that these are exemplary of the invention and are not to be considered as limiting. Additions, omissions, substitutions, and other modifications can be made without departing from the spirit or scope of the present invention. Accordingly, ~~the invention is not to be considered as being limited~~ neither the scope of the appended claims nor the inventions they define are limited by the present description, and is only limited by the scope of the appended claims.

Page 15, after line 16, insert these paragraphs:

The complete disclosure of Examination of the Effects of Artificial Highly Concentrated Carbonated Warm Water Foot Bath Therapy for Ischemic Extremity (Report No. 5) – Separate Examination of ‘Warm Water Temperature and Concentration of Saturated Carbonation’ 7<sup>th</sup> Conference of Carbon Dioxide Balneotherapy (Oct. 4, 2002) is incorporated herein by reference.

The methods of the present invention are suitable for treating a patient in need of the described therapy. Patient includes human patient. In need includes diagnosed need of the described therapy and patient recognized need of such therapy. Body includes human body.